DISTRICT A-3 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR BILL ZWIER

Fellow Lions, Lioness & Leos...

Already we are well into the month of March. As I look out the window, I see the robins are back from the south and the smell of maple syrup is in the air.



It has been a busy couple of months with visitations, zone meetings and preparing for our 46th Annual Convention, April 13th—15th at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston. The weekend will be filled with workshops and guest speakers.

International Director Gwen White will be the keynote speaker at Saturday evening's Banquet. ID Gwen will also be doing a Saturday work shop on Partnering of Service with other agencies.

There will be a speaker from the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, who will provide a table where you can buy your favorite Dog Guide apparel. We will have the opportunity to view the new Dog Guide Van that was purchased this year from our donations.

Our speaker from Diabetes Canada will have a table there and will be able to provide you with additional information in regards to Diabetes programs and how you can get involved. They will also have their Clothesline Van in the parking lot so you can bring your slightly used clothing to contribute. These clothing donations can be reported by your club secretary on MyLCI as a Service, as well as towards your banner patch for Diabetes and as a gem for Environment.

Two other speakers will talk to us about Special Olympics and Pediatric Cancer.

ID Gwen's husband, PDG Rhett, will do a workshop on membership recruitment. Other workshops will focus on Leos, eye glass service, Orientation and Information & Technology. It should be an exciting weekend.

I hope as many of you as possible will join us at our 46th Annual Convention. Lion Linda and I are looking forward to seeing you there.

DG WILLIAM ZWIER

Lions of District A-3 Save the Date...



Saturday, April 28th 2018 Lions Learning Day—Havelock Lions Hall Registration and more Info soon....



IN MEMORIAM

THE FOLLOWING LIONS HAVE PASSED AWAY IN OUR DISTRICT SINCE THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

> LION RUSSELL 'BUD' OKE BOWMANVILLE LIONS CLUB

LION SHIRLEY CLIMO-JACKSON PORT HOPE LIONS CLUB

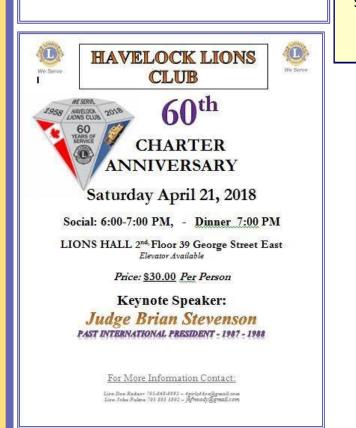
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LION ROSS HAYWOOD CAMPBELLFORD LIONS CLUB

LIONESS AUDREY STARK FORMER KEENE LIONESS CLUB

LION RICHARD (DICK) DAVISON EAST PETERBOROUGH LIONS CLUB

> LIONESS RUTH GROSE NAPANEE LIONESS CLUB



46TH ANNUAL DISTRICT A3 CONVENTION

April 13th—15th, 2018 AMBASSADOR HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTRE KINGSTON

Plans for your "Century of Service" convention are on track to make this a weekend to remember!

We are working to find unique ways to honour each of our Clubs in this our Centennial Year.

The "Lucky Friday the 13th" Dance Party should be great fun.

Ward off the evil spirits of Friday the 13th by wearing your luckiest costume or dress in the attire of the year of your Club's charter year... The luckiest day in your Club's history!



As usual, your Host Committee is asking all A3 Clubs to contribute \$100 toward the Hospitality Room. Please, also be generous in your purchases of the Convention 50/50 Tickets. And finally, we are selling Ads in the Convention Program Booklet. All of this can be found in the Mail-Out which your clubs should have received by now.

See you in April.

Lion Bill Pyle, Host Committee Chair



LIONS CLUB OF LAND O'LAKES PRESENTS THE 4TH ANNUAL 50'S, 60'S AND BEYOND DANCE ON ST PATRICK'S DAY MARCH 17TH 7:30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE

\$20.00 PER PERSON

MID-EVENING LUNCH DOOR PRIZE, 50/50 TICKETS PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED OF THE ERA AS WELL AS ST PATRCIK'S DAY THEME DJ NORTH OF THE BORDER SOUND

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL DEBBIE AT 613-336-8502





Happenings and Events... Out and About our District





Thank you for your service!

APSLEY LIONS CLUB ~ (above left) Lion Glen Tucker, a longtime member who joined the Apsley Lions Club just after it was formed and (right) Lion Steve Metros, a charter member of the Apsley Lions Club each received a life membership for their service to their Lions Club and their community. With

Past President Jim Empringham and President Linda Farrington.

Christmas Hamper Project

Amherstview Lions Club December 17, 2017

The community of Loyalist

Township played a huge role in the Amherstview Lions Christmas Hamper Project. Donations poured in from the residents and businesses of Loyalist Township and as well from the community of Bath. Thanks to the Bath and District Lions Club.

A great deal of organization went into the assembly and distribution of 154 Christmas hamper baskets as well as toys for area families. This is a part of the Centennial Service Challenge to help eradicate hunger.

To celebrate the Lions 100th Anniversary, Lions are being asked to reach the goal of serving more than 100 million people by June 2018 and the Amherstview Lions and the community of Loyalist Township are definitely up for the challenge.

[excerpt of submission from Lion Barb Johnson Club Secretary]

Above right: Lion Nilesh Daya with his wife Anita with two boxes of food ready to go to the truck for the addition of bread, potatoes and milk.

Right: Lion Richard MacKay-Smith waits for residents to come get their two boxes of food and stands ready to put bread, potatoes and milk into the boxes in freezing temperatures.



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Zone 11 East Meeting... Welcome new Lions January 23rd, 2018

Below left: A hearty welcome to new Lions Vicki Shaw—Storrington Lions Club, Jeanie Sexsmith–Newburgh-Camden Lions Club & Derek VanAlstyne—Kingston-Lakeshore Lions Club. Below right: Clubs from Zone I I East receive Centennial Service Challenge & Legacy banner patches. Congratulations!



Zone 10 North Chair Syd Hopkins visits Chemung Lake pictured above with President John Morris.

We were welcomed to the Chemung Lions club with a full house. The highlight for me was when a prospective new member was introduced. He was asked to tell a little about himself. He said he had a handicapped son and he had just moved to this area , specifically because we had the BEST handicap services that were suitable for his son. It made me proud to be a Lion when I realized that those very same services are the direct result of hundreds of Lions and their clubs supporting them.

I used a story to illustrate a point from the code of ethics. Be careful of your criticism and generous with your praise. The words you heard may not mean the same to the speaker of those words.



Amherstview Lions Club ~ In 1987 a Leo Club prospered in Amherstview for at least 5 years. Here with Lion Joan Benoit and Region Chair Lion Fred Brown at Sharbot Lake is a banner from that time.

Will History repeat itself? Lions Mike Kubisheski and Joan Benoit are pursuing that goal.

Wellington District Lions

2nd Annual Effective Speaking Contest ~ February 10th



This year the Effective Speaking contest had entries in Junior and Intermediate categories. Though there were not a lot of speakers, the quality of the speeches impressed the judges... Lions Harry Marissen, Nancy Barton and John Whyte .

Pictured above: Junior category winner Kate Jones, a grade 6 student from St. Gregory Catholic School.

Below: Intermediate category winner was Gabrielle Kinnear, a grade 7 student from St. Gregory Catholic School.

Submitted by Lion Kathy Marchen





Amherstview Lions

Thirty Lions from Pittsburgh, Sydenham, Camden Newburgh, Bath and Amherstview as well as Lionesses from Amherstview met for a refresher course in Vision/Hearing Screenings.

Lions Victor and Mary Ann Smith gave precise and detailed instruction concerning the refractor, the Hearing machine and the tools used to measure eye alignment and far visual acuity. Using this knowledge, Lions members, Lionesses and volunteers will screen students in area schools. Most people at the course tried out the equipment and found that they themselves were lacking perfect vision and hearing. As a reward, coffee and cookies were available.



In February the Lions and Lionesses of Amherstview will screen 150 students. It is no easy task because they deal with young children in a small area of each school. They encourage the students in a kindly manner and provide large stickers for all who take part. The paper work would be insurmountable if it weren't for the determination of the Lions members. Pen in hand and a smile as big as all outdoors the Lions members labour on with the goal of referring any student in need of the care of a professional.

Submitted by Lion Barb Johnson



Wise words from "The Art of Recognition"... a brochure by LCI

Appreciation is a wonderful thing; it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well. ~ Voltaire

Two out of five volunteers stop volunteering for one or more of these reasons: not good use of time, poor use of talents, tasks not clearly defined, not thanked.

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. ~ Arthur Ward

Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, and honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. ~ Leo Buscaglia

A pat on the back, though only a few vertebrae removed from a kick in the pants, is miles ahead in results.

~ Bennett Cerf

I can live for two months on one good compliment! ~ Mark Twain

If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else. ~ Booker T. Washington

Nine-tenths of wisdom is appreciation. Go find somebody's hand and squeeze it... while there's still time. ~ Dale Dauten

DIABETES CANADA

On Feb 1, 2018 at the Zone meeting in Norwood, the guest speaker was Dr. Jan Hux, the head of Diabetes Canada. She explained the new structure and focus of Diabetes Canada giving us a better understanding of their goals.

We learned about the 2 kinds of Diabetes and the genetic links to each type. And yes this is an epidemic in Canada and that is partly due to the fact that more people are able to manage the disease for much longer.

Dr. Hux gave us some tips about how Lions can work with Diabetes Canada to assist. We start with an attitude change to remove the stigma, and stop blaming diabetics for their condition realizing that this a immune/genetic disease that is a daily, ongoing, and isolating.

We can support Camp Huronda for children with type I diabetes, donate for research, have health fairs including diabetes screenings, run a food skills programme and we can also have a "Fill a truck" drive to collect for Clothesline for a cure.

Well done ZC Don Radnor Susan Taylor, 2nd VDG A3



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Diabetes Canada has been operating camps for children living with type I diabetes since it first opened its doors in 1953. Today, we offer camp programs for kids and youth across nine provinces, as well as an ambassador program for youth and young adults with diabetes who want to share their experiences.



CIF News



In 2018, LCIF will turn 50 years old! To celebrate 50 years of local and global humanitarian service, visit our brand-new anniversary website ... LCIF50.org.

There, you can learn more about the causes LCIF supports and the work Lions are doing all around the world. In addition, you can enter an exciting contest to win a special prize.

New stories, videos, and contests launch each month, so visit today and come back often!

What's new at the Lions Foundation of Canada



DOGGUIDES open A house Stay Home & Bid Online Auction March 5th—April 1st.

New items being added each week! There's no better way to bid on amazing items from across Canada then from the comfort of your own living room!

For further information, email jpenny@dogguides.com.

Spring Open House... Oakville Saturday, April 7th

Featuring tours throughout the day of the training facility, silent auction, and live demos from each Dog Guide Program. Learn about the volunteer and foster puppy programs and meet future Dog Guide puppies.

No need to register—Free Event although the Foundation will be accepting donations in support of the Dog Guides programs, should you wish to contribute.

A-3 Peace Poster News



District A-3's Peace Poster contest winner is Brittany Oaks, a grade 6 student from Charles Bowman School. (Sponsored by the Bowmanville Lions Club). The poster pictured above has been forwarded to MDA to be voted on again at the multiple district level.



10TH ANNUAL A-3 LIONS CAMPING **WEEKEND**

July 27th—29th

Preston Springs Campgrounds

Come and join us. If you don't camp, come for the day. We guarantee you won't be disappointed. Friday night we have a great fish fry with a bonfire to follow. Saturday we have fun and games, swimming and fishing if you choose or just sit and visit. Saturday evening we have a great beef BBQ and more fun around a campfire. Sunday morning we have a pot luck breakfast for anyone who wishes to join us.

It's a great weekend to visit one another, have fun and relax. Come join us just once and we know you'll be hooked.

For more information, please feel free to contact us:

Lions Rodney & Diana Lloyd or Lions Carol & Earl Oliver

Happenings and Events... Out and About our District

Making an Impact

The Lakefield Lioness Lions Club continue to make an impact in our

community and surrounding area. To date in 2018 we completed Vision Screening in several local schools and we're working behind the scenes on new upcoming initiatives. We will once again co-present the Lobsterfest & Show - June 2nd, host the May 24th weekend Bake Sale, provide catering services on a select basis and so much more. We've also been busy on social media! Visit our website at:

https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/lakefieldlionesslionson. Or Like & Follow us on Facebook https://m.facebook.comlakefieldlionesslionsclub



Photo: Lion Norma Jones, President, Lakefield Lioness Lions Club, members and guest Lion Bill Zwier, District Governor A3.

Submitted by Lion Connie Tinney

LIONS CLUB OF LAND O'LAKES UPCOMING EVENTS

•March 17th: 50's 60's Dance: This is a much anticipated dance in and around our

community. This year instead of a supper before the dance, there will be a mid-evening elegant lunch. This evening is filled with era costumes, door prizes, 50/50 Draw, and lots of dancing.

•April 21st: Fourth Annual Spring Market Extravaganza: Just in time for Mother's Day! Our community is blessed with many creative people who come to this event to showcase and sell their products.

•May 19th: Long Weekend Yard Sale: The Club held two successful pop-up yard sales last summer and will be having another one on the same weekend as many other local organizations hold theirs.

•June 2nd: An Evening of Song and Dance with Ghost Rider: Our community is rich in musical talent and this year the Lions have invited Ghost Rider to perform.

•July 27th: Fish Fry: This is a new event for the Club.

Submitted by Lion Nancy Skipper



The three lions of Clubs of Bath and District, Odessa and District as well as Amherstview joined forces to pay for an arena Board Ad asking the public to join the Lions Club.

Region Chair Lion Fred Brown dropped the ceremonial puck prior to the game between the Amherstview Jets and the Port Hope Panthers (*Jets and Panthers shown above left*). You will hear more from the Loyalist Lions in the future! *Above right:* Lions Club members from Odessa and District, Amherstview as well as Bath and District sit in the stands and cheer uproariously. Unfortunately, the Amherstview Jets lost the game. However the youth in the community are the winners. The three Clubs support the Loyalist Area Scouts, the Loyalist Skating Club, and the Loyalist Township Minor Hockey. Word has it that a Leo Club for teenagers is in the making. Wherever this leads you just know that the Lions Clubs will lend a hand in any way they can.

Submitted by Lion Barb Johnson

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DENBIGH-GRIFFITH LIONS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Donation presentations by the Lions of Denbigh-Griffith

Right: Griffith & Matawatchan Fire Department Below Left: Renfrew Hospice. Below right: Denbigh Fire Department

Keep up the great work Lions!











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NEWBURGH-CAMDEN LIONS CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

February 25th, 2018

Over 130 people attended their monthly classic Country Music Festival and shared in the festivities and potluck which followed.

Congratulations Lions on 10 great years!





LCI ... TAKING A NEW APPROACH TO CONTESTS

Technology is changing the way we take photos and how we share them with our communities and the world.

To take advantage of social media and exciting new tools like the MyLion app, we are developing contests that are designed for our mobile-friendly, instant-sharing culture to engage even more Lions and Leos around the world. Because of this new direction, LCI will no longer host the Environmental Photo Contest or other photo contests at this time.

We will be announcing a brand new contest hosted in the MyLion app after June, when the app will be available globally. We will share details with Lions and Leos as soon as the new contest is announced. In the meantime, we invite you to join our global conversation on the LCI Facebook page and share your photos on social media using the hashtag #WeServe.

We look forward to engaging Lions in more innovative ways than ever before.

2016-17 Environmental Photo Contest

See the winners of the 2016-2017 Lions Environmental Photo Contest on the Environmental Photo Contest Winner's webpage. We would like to thank all the Lions who have contributed to this contest over the years!

[District Chair Lion Kathy Marchen will update clubs in June as and when more information is available]

PROMOTE CLUB EVENTS SHARE YOUR NEWS

Thank you Lions for your submissions for the March District Newsletter... it is very much appreciated.

We have scheduled one final newsletter for this year... and I hope to have it ready for distribution in the week following the Cabinet Meeting that will take place on Sunday, June 10th.

In the meantime, I look forward to receiving your club news [in word fomat] and attached photos [jpg format]. If you could send by the deadline date would be greatly appreciated.

Deadline date: Monday, June 4th

Let's continue to keep the lines of communication open!

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